

CHARTER
UNITED STATES STRATEGIC COMMAND STRATEGIC ADVISORY GROUP

- A. Official Designation: The Committee shall be known as the United States Strategic Command Strategic Advisory Group (hereafter referred to as the Group).
- B. Objectives and Scope of Activities: The Group, under the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972, as amended, shall provide the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and the Commander of the U.S. Strategic Command, independent advice and recommendations on scientific, technical, intelligence and policy-related matters of interest to the Joint Chiefs of Staff and the U.S. Strategic Command. The Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff or designated representative may act upon the Committee's advice and recommendations.
- C. Group Membership: The Group shall be composed of not more than 50 members who are eminent authorities in the fields of strategic policy formulation, nuclear weapon design and effects, weapon system capabilities and vulnerabilities, space operations, missile defense, national command, control, communications, intelligence and information operations, or other important aspects of the Nation's strategic forces. Group Members appointed by the Secretary of Defense, who are not full-time Federal officers or employees, shall serve as Special Government Employees under the authority of 5 U.S.C. § 3109.
- The Secretary of Defense shall appoint Group Members on an annual basis, and Commander of the U.S. Strategic Command shall determine their term on the Group. Members shall, with the exception of travel and per diem for official travel, serve without compensation. The Commander of the U.S. Strategic Command or designated representative shall select the Group's Chairperson from the total Group Membership. In addition, the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff or designated representative may invite other distinguished Government officers to serve as non-voting observers of the Group, and appoint consultants, with special expertise, to assist the Group on an ad hoc basis.
- D. Group Meetings: The Group shall meet at the call of the Designated Federal Officer, in consultation with the Chairperson, and the estimated number of Group meetings is two per year. The Group shall be authorized to establish subcommittees, as necessary, to fulfill its mission, and these subcommittees shall operate under the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972, as amended.
- E. Duration of the Group: The need for this advisory function is on a continuing basis; however, it is subject to renewal every two years.
- F. Agency Support: The Department of Defense, through the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and the U.S. Strategic Command, shall provide support as deemed necessary for the performance of the Board's functions, and shall ensure compliance with the requirements of 5 U.S.C. App.
- G. Termination Date: The Group shall terminate upon completion of its mission or two years from the date of this Charter is filed, whichever is sooner, unless the Secretary of Defense extends it.
- H. Operating Costs: It is estimated that the annual operating costs, to include travel costs and contract support, for this Group is \$280,000.00. The estimated annual personnel costs to the Department of Defense are 6.4 full-time equivalents (FTEs).
- I. Charter Filed: March 2, 2006